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brows were of that peculiarly brilliant yet undecided shade of red which

cannot be described by any other word (of sufficient brevity) the ""bink"; so "Pink" he was called, and so emained to the end of the chapter.

I first met him on a Union Pacific traingoing west. He was full of faith and hope and charity then.

The way I came to notice him first was through his asking me, at the Omaha station, a question concerning the time the train was due to leave. He was so homely, so dreadfully homely, and yet so "good" looking, that he attracted my attention as soon as he spoke; and, after I heard his

as he spoke; and, after I heard his voice (I was a "good" voice Pink had), I took a fancy to study him.

When the train started I walked through to see if there was anyone on board I knew, and in the smoker, with only two or three fellow-passengers. I again found Pink. He smiled at me again found Pink. He smiled at me, and said "Good evening" in a pleasant way; so I sat down by him and lit a "Going west?" I asked, by way of

opening the conversation. "Yes," he answered, promptly: "go-

ing to Coloraydo."
"Yes? Ever been there before?" "Nope; I'm a tenderfoot, I reckon," he smiled. Then he added: "I s'pose it's a pretty tough country-have you

"Oh, yes: I live there."

"Well, how is it—any chance fr a feller t' git plenty work?"

"Yes, if he wants it"

"That's good; that's what I want." Then, in his innocent, confiding way, he went on to tell me how it was he came to be going out west—the whole story. It was a sad story, and yet not really a new one—a tale of an improvident father and a family of small chil-dren, of the death of the father and the efforts of the widow and the older children to get along, and their troubles in

Pink was the oldest-he was eighteen. Then there were Min, fifteen; Grace, eleven; Frank and Freddie, the twins, ten; Ted, eight, and Fan, the baby

could help a little; but there was not much they could get to do in the little country town they lived in, and, besides, Min did not like to work see," said Pink, deprecatingly, "she's a girl, an' hain't been brought up t' work, 'xactly, an'-well, ye can't 'xpect girls t' hanker after work much, nohow. An' th' rest of 'em, ye see, they're pret-ty little—pretty little yet." And Pink smiled in a paternal sort of fushion. He left the train at Julesburg-

He left the train at Julesburg—he had some prospect of getting work near there, he told me—and I saw nothing of him for over two years. Then, one day, coming down Sixteenth street, in Dever, I met him. He had not changed a bit, and he remembered me at once when he saw me. I asked after his mother and the "young uns," in a little while; Pink's eyes lighted up, and his face broadened into a smile.

"Fine!" he said; "fine! "I git a let-ter every week, an they're all gittin" on good. I'm goin' home pretty soon; been hopin' I c'd go t' Min's weddin' she's goin' t' git married next November-but I don't reckon I e'n make it. Ye see, chese here women, they've got t' rag'out a lot an' git heaps o' things t git married in so I got t' rustle t' keep Min staked/in good shape; I want my sister t' have as good as they is wouldn't you?"

Neither he nor his smile had changed. "Goshi I'm glad t' see ye!" he ejacu-lated "D'ye know, it seems most as if you was in old neighbor of our'n, I feel t' know ye so well."

took lunch together, and I asked him how he was getting along and how the "folks" were.

"Oh, I'm still punchin' cows," he aid, "an' joggin' along, same ol' gait.

Oh, yes, I git a letter every week yit.

Mother's doin' first rate, an' th' young
uns gittin' on fine. Min's got a darn
good man, I guess. Gracie's a big girl,
most growed now, an' Frank an' Fred most growed now, an' Frank an' Fred are growin' tremendous, mother says. An' Ted an' Fan, they're gettin' bigton so most all of 'em's gittin' t' help what they can, out o' school times. Grace, she's goin' t' learn sten-o, graphy—they say ye c'n git big wages doin' that." in that "..." the been home to see them

"Home?" be asked, with a tender emphasis on the word; "wish't I cou d, an' I guess I will, Thanksgivin'; but, ye see, these here young uns all got t' have clo'es an' go t' school, an' they cost a sight, they do." After this, Pink was often in my

mind, but I never saw nor heard any-thing of him for three years, until, one day, I drove out from Laramie to a ranch some miles distant, on busines. Pink was there. He was saddling a horse by the door as we drove up, and turned as he hear) us approach. He was the same old Piuli, except that he wore a mustiche (of the same color as his hair and crebrows), and there were incipient crow', feet at the corners of his eyes, and lines about his month.

"Well, how are all the Dyers?" I asked, after we had greeted each other.

"Oh, fine! Grace, she's married now—got married two months ago, to a operator. Min's got two kids now. Ha-ha-ha! Think o' me bein' a uncle! Th' boys? Why, they're big fellers now; Frank's learnin' th' operator's trade, with Gracie's husband, an' Fred, he's workin' in a newspaper shop, learnin' t' be a editor. Tel's still goin' t' school, but he's goin' t' quit next year an' learn machine-makin' - be allos was a great case f'r foolin' round machiner Fan? Oh, she' little yit; she ies, stays t' home an' helps mother—mother says she's a big girl now, an' helps a lot." "Are you working here?"

"Yep; I'm top man now an gittin' my fifty a month; but, say-don't ye think it'd, pay me t' git out o' this in

go down in th' mines? This here's lazy

job".

I reflected a minute.
"I can get you a job," I said; "but it
may not be a pleasant one. You'll have
to work two months for a dollar a day, or until you can show yourself able to do miner's work; then you'll get three and a half. It isn't a good country to go into, though—it's new and pretty

Pink was silent a few minutes and

seemed to be figuring.
"I reckon," he finally said, slowly,
"I c'n afford it, of they's three an' a
halfa day on top o' the two months; but
dy'e think I'll ketch on, O. K.7"

I assured him I thought he would, and he added: "All right-I'm y'r boy! I c'n go next week, when my moath" up."
So Pink left the ranch and went to

work in the hills, in a new mining district. Every once in awhile, after that, I used to hear from or of him. In one of the superintendent's first letters after Pink's arrival, he sent, by my re-quest, a few lines about the new man.

"The new man you sent is a dandy-green, of course, but nobody's fool. He's eager to work, and flies at it like it was fon. Evenings now he takes a hammer and a set of drills, and goes over on the side-hill and drills rocks to get his hand in. I wish there were a few more people like him

It was not long until Pink was a miner, of course, and a good one, too; and as such he continued for the next couple of years, always in the same

One day the man who had been super-One day the man who had been super-intending the property dropped in on us at Denver; he was going to quit, as he had some property of his own to stock after, he said. "And." he added, "of course I have nothing to say, but if you want a man to look after the prop-perty you'll hunt a long time before you find a match for that red-headed shift hoss, Pink Dver; he knows every shift boss, Pink Dyer; he knows every foot of the mine.' We went down to take a look at the

property; we arrived in the evening, as Pink was just coming off shift. He looked just as I expected he would, barring the deepening of the crows feet and the lines about the mouth: they were too prominent for so young

"Th' f lks?" said Pink. "Oh, they're all fine. Got a new house, mother an th' kids have, an' puttin' on heaps o' dog. Min's got three young uns now, an' Grace's got a couple—don't it seem funny, though? Th' twins, they're gittin' on tip top, an' Ted, too. An Fan-why, I s'pose she's a young lady by this time. No, I hain't never been back; I'm goin' the twenty-fifth, sure, this time, an' no foolin'."

I did not tell him of his coming pro-

motion: I wish I had for he r Late that night-it must have



"I'M GOIN' HOME."

been one o'clock in the morni heisting works and we all hurried up to see what the trouble was, Pink, as temporary "boss," among the foremost.

One of the miners had been killed; he was a new man, and had been trying to make a good showing-that is, he had failed to clean the roof and walls (he was drifting) after each blast, and a loose chunk of rock had fallen and killed him.

Pink and another man went down to bring up the body, and presently, when we expected the signal, "Hoist" there was an alarm from below, which continued for some seconds—then came the "hoist" signal.

A single man stepped from the cage; it was the man who had gone down with Pink to bring up the dead miner. In a few words he told us the cause of his irst signal.

As they were bringing the dead man As they were discovered and been another fail of losse rock, and Pink had gone beneath it—he and the dead man.

It was not long before we had them ont, but it was too late to save Pink ont, but it was too late to save Pink. His back was broken, and we knew he could only live a few hours. We put him to bed, tenderly, and was the loy him. Once in awhile he would come out of his unconscious state and talk queerly. At last, about daybreak, as I sat looking at him, his eyes opened suddenly. "What day little?" he asked. "December 81. December 81 a

"Heremore's: a "Hun-little over two weeks; I don't b'heve I'll git well enough by then. "Le's see," le said; "le's see eight twenty-fifth more'n two weeks—hml Le's see le's see ten, seven, seven teen. I e'n git home. I'm gain home-they's no use talkin!" He shut his eyes a little while, then added, force-

"I am goin' heme!" "Yes, my boy, I know it," I said -L. Ketchum, in San Francisco Argonaut

An interesting piece of information brought out during the Brussels con-ference is the fact that there are at persent to less than \$100,000,000,000 of counterfeit silver money in circulation in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Portugal,

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IF Cleveland should call congress to gether it will be the twelfth extra se sion called since the organization of the republic.

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HENRY BARR, who died recently at Schuylerville, N. Y., ranked as one of smallest men in the world. His age was thirty-seven years, he weighed sixty pounds, and his height was forty A WEIGHTY couple were recently

united in marriage by Rev. Dr. Hep-burn. Their names are Mr. Chauncey Moreland, of Indianapolis, and Miss Annie Bell, of Dayton, O. The com-bined weight of the bride and groom is 1,172 pounds. He weighs 607, and she

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ant. (Emerson, Longfellow and Lowell all had enough of this world's goods. DR. COTTON MATHER, who died in Bos ton in 1728, was the author of 383 works, some of them being of huge dimensions. The most bulky of his works contained seven large folio vol-umes. He died at the age of 65.

INTERESTING TO SOLDIERS.

THE Prussians were the first to divide their pontoons into compartments. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIVE confederate army generals yet survive. Twen-ty-nine died last year.

THE German navy now possesses eighty-six vessels, either affoat or ready for combat, representing a total of 219, GENERAL statistics prove that, since the Trojan war, three thousand years

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